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REF: A) MEXICO A-72, MARCH 15, 1976; B) STATE 55326,
MARCH 6, 1976; C) MEXICO 4536, APRIL 8, 1976; D) STATE
24094, JANUARY 31, 1976

1. THE NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS), NOAA,
COMMERCE HAS RECEIVED A PRELIMINARY COPY OF THE FAO
YEARBOOK OF FISHERY STATISTICS FOR 1974. A COPY OF THE
MEXICAN CATCH DATA BY SPECIES IS BEING FORWARDED TO THE
REGIONAL FISHERIES ATTACHE (RFA) BY POUCH. NMFS HAS
NOTED TWO SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS AND WOULD APPRECIATE
RFA'S COMMENT.

A) THERE WAS A SUBSTANTIAL DECLINE IN THE ITEM IDENTIFIED
AS "MISCELLANEOUS MARINE FISH" (ITEM 39, PAGE 75 IN THE
1973 FAO YEARBOOK). IN 1973, THIS ITEM AMOUNTED TO 138,000
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METRIC TONS (T). IN THE 1974 FAO YEARBOOK THIS ENTRY HAD

DECLINED TO 22,716 T. NMFS NOTES THAT "MISCELLANEOUS MARINE FISH" WERE UTILIZED PRIMARILY FOR REDUCTION TO FISH MEAL IN 1973. COULD RFA PROVIDE BACKGROUND ON THIS PREVIOUSLY UNREPORTED DEVELOPMENT.

B) ATTACHMENTS TO REF A INDICATE THAT THE MEXICAN LANDINGS INCREASED FROM 329,000 T IN 1973 TO 332,000 T IN 1974. FAO 1974 DATA INDICATED A CATCH DECLINE FROM 482,000 T IN 1973 TO 442,000 T IN 1974. COULD RFA PROVIDE SOME EXPLANATION OF HOW LANDINGS INCREASED WHILE CATCH DECLINED BY 8 PERCENT.

2. NMFS APPRECIATES RFA'S FORWARDING OF MEXICAN PUBLICATIONS. INFORMATION ON MEXICAN TUNA FLEET WAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST. NMFS WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IF RFA COULD PROVIDE SIMILAR DATA ON OTHER MEXICAN FISHERIES AS REQUESTED IN REF B.

3. NMFS APPRECIATES INFORMATION IN REF C, BUT REQUESTS THAT RFA ALSO RESPOND TO PARAGRAPHS 5 AND 6 IN REF D. SISCO

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